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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAINING CUSTOMS

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1. EMBASSY IS PLEASED THAT FIVE OPENINGS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR ARGENTINE OFFICIALS FOR THE PROPOSED TRAINING COURSE BY U.S. CUSTOMS, AS OFFERED REF A. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE STATEMENT PARA 4 THAT GOA WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL

TRAVEL, UNLESS NORMAL AID PROGRAM OPERATES TO THE CONTRARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A CALL FOR FOUR CANDIDATES TO AN EARLIER CUSTOMS TRAINING COURSE, THE EMBASSY OUTLINED WHY THE GOA WILL NOT RESPOND PRODUCTIVELY TO THIS TYPE OF OFFER UNLESS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IS MET BY USG (REF B.). IN RESPONSE, WASHINGTON AGENCIES AGREED (REF C) TO PAY THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR TWO PARTICIPANTS. UNFORTUNATELY, APPROVAL WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO TRAVEL. HOWEVER REF C ALSO STATED THAT "WHEN COURSE IS REPEATED AT FUTURE DATE, ARGENTINA WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION."

3. THE SITUATION OUTLINED IN REF B HAS NOT, UNFORTUNATELY, UNCLASSIFIED

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CHANGED AND WE STILL BELIEVE THAT GOA CUSTOMS AND BORDER

PATROL OFFICIALS WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE TRAINING IN THE
U.S.

ACTION REQUESTED:

4. WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED ARE REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE
FOUR (4) SLOTS FOR THE PROPOSED TRAINING COSTS, WITH SUCH
AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE PAYMENT BY USG OF INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL COSTS, AND TO SO INFORM THE EMBASSY ASAP IN ORDER
THAT WE MAY AGAIN OFFER THE COURSE TO GOA.
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